



General Assembly

January Session, 2013

***Raised Bill No. 1088***

LCO No. 4003



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL  
ESTATE

Introduced by:  
(INS)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ADVERSE  
DETERMINATIONS BY HEALTH CARRIERS FOR THE TREATMENT  
OF MENTAL DISORDERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "adverse  
2 determination", "covered person", "health care professional" and  
3 "health carrier" have the same meanings as provided in section 38a-  
4 591a of the general statutes.

5 (b) There is established a task force to study the numbers,  
6 frequencies and final outcomes of adverse determinations by health  
7 carriers for the treatment of mental disorders, where such treatments  
8 were determined to be medically necessary by a covered person's  
9 treating health care professional.

10 (c) The task force shall consist of the following members:

11 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

12 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

13       (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
14 Representatives;

15       (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

16       (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
17 Representatives;

18       (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

19       (7) The Insurance Commissioner and the Healthcare Advocate, or  
20 their designees.

21       (d) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
22 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (c) of this section may be a member  
23 of the General Assembly.

24       (e) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
25 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
26 filled by the appointing authority.

27       (f) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
28 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
29 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
30 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
31 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

32       (g) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
33 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance  
34 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

35       (h) Not later than January 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a  
36 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
37 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
38 relating to insurance, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-  
39 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date  
40 that it submits such report or January 1, 2014, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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***INS***      *Joint Favorable*